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## **Matthew Guglielmetti pleads guilty to drug-trafficking conspiracy**

**Matthew Guglielmetti**, of Providence, pleaded guilty today to cocaine-trafficking charges, admitting that he arranged security for what was purportedly a shipment of 67 kilograms of cocaine.

United States Attorney Robert Clark Corrente announced the guilty plea, which Guglielmetti entered today before Chief U.S. District Court Judge Ernest C. Torres in U.S. District Court, Providence.

At the plea hearing, Assistant U.S. Attorney Peter F. Neronha said that, had the case gone to trial, the government would have proven that, between November 2004 and January 2005, an undercover FBI agent and Guglielmetti discussed providing security for what was purported to be a shipment of 67 kilograms of cocaine that would be transported through Rhode Island. Guglielmetti would provide two men to help guard the cocaine and the undercover agent said he and Guglielmetti would split a \$1,000 per kilogram fee.

On January 18, the undercover agent gave Guglielmetti a key to a hotel room in Warwick and told him to have the two men at the hotel room that evening. Between 6:00 and 11:00 PM, Guglielmetti's associates stayed in the hotel room with two undercover agents who purportedly worked for the cocaine supplier and three suitcases containing 67 kilograms of cocaine that the FBI had seized in other investigations. While they were in the room, other undercover agents

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came into the room and removed 18 kilograms of the cocaine, purportedly for distribution in Rhode Island. While his associates were guarding the cocaine, Guglielmetti was at another hotel and in telephone contact with them.

Agents arrested Guglielmetti in Johnston on January 20 when he met with the primary undercover agent to get paid for providing the security.

Guglielmetti pleaded guilty to two charges: conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute more than five kilograms of cocaine, and attempting to possess with intent to distribute more than five kilograms of cocaine. Each offense carries a minimum sentence of ten years in prison and a maximum of life imprisonment plus a \$4,000,000 fine.

Guglielmetti, 56, of 42 Legion Memorial Drive, Providence, is detained at the Wyatt Federal Detention Center, Central Falls, pending sentencing, which is scheduled for August 11.

A codefendant, **Anthony Moscarelli**, 44, of 49 Bridgton Road, Cranston, who admitted being one of the two men who guarded the cocaine in the hotel room, has pleaded guilty to the same charges as Guglielmetti and is detained awaiting sentencing. Charges are pending against **Alan Blamires**, 49, of 274 Morgan Avenue, Johnston, who is detained, awaiting trial.

The **Federal Bureau of Investigation, Rhode Island State Police, and Providence Police** investigated the case. Assistant U.S. Attorney Kenneth P. Madden is prosecuting it. Assistant U.S. Attorney Peter F. Neronha represented the government at the plea hearing.

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